

KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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In order to implement an improved system to monitor vaccine usage during August 2006, KIDSNET will be adding immunizations administered to children born before January 1, 1997 that have been reported by pediatric providers since January 2005. Please note the following:

1. Immunization histories will not be requested for children born before January 1, 1997.
2. For children born prior to January 1, 1997, only the vaccines reported to KIDSNET since 2005 will appear.
3. The KIDSNET immunization screen will not display an immunization recommendation (overdue, series completed, etc.) for children born before January 1, 1997.
4. All families are sent notification when their child's information is added to KIDSNET. If address information was not included with the reporting of immunizations, we will not display the information until an address has been obtained to notify the family.
5. In the upcoming months, KIDSNET will be contacting practices to obtain addresses for these children. Once an address is obtained and the parent is notified, the child's record will become available on KIDSNET.
6. Other than the patient list, any reports generated from KIDSNET will not include children born prior to 1997.
7. KIDSNET will be updating the web site with information regarding these changes. Please feel free to refer parents to our web site www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet or to the Department of Health's Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434.

* For sites using Immunization Data Sheets to submit data:

In August, KIDSNET will mail you labels for each child born before January 1, 1997 that has been added to KIDSNET. Use these labels when you administer any vaccine to these children.

* For sites submitting data electronically:

Please include immunizations for all children in the practice through age 18 in the file sent to KIDSNET. It is important that you send address information as part of that file.

* Questions?

For any questions about data submission, please feel free to contact your Provider Relations Representative.

We appreciate your cooperation and support of KIDSNET. Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions for ways to serve you better.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1-800-942-7434 with any questions or suggestions

HAVE YOU VISITED THE KIDSNET WEB SITE LATELY?

KIDSNET continues to improve its web site to give you and your patients even more information. We have just added the following sections:

- The parents and general information sections, as well as the feedback form are now available in Spanish. You can direct your Spanish speaking patients/families to the web site to learn more about KIDSNET and to submit suggestions or feedback.
- Quotes from pediatric providers about KIDSNET. See what they have to say about us.
- A new report measuring the access and use of KIDSNET. This report is updated every three months.

The web site is located at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet.

We are continuously working to improve our web site, and we encourage you to contact us for any additional information that you think should be included. Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

News from the Rhode Island WIC Program

The RI WIC program encourages breast-feeding as the best source of infant nutrition. The program also provides supplemental formula to infants not fully breastfed. As of October 1, 2006, the RI WIC program will be under a new formula contract. The standard formulas provided will now be Nestle GOOD START DHA & ARA and Nestle GOOD START Soy DHA & ARA. Other specialty formulas will still be available with appropriate medical documentation.

Your support during this transition would be greatly appreciated. The rebates received from contract formula allow us to serve many of the eligible WIC participants in Rhode Island. We also request your assistance in educating your WIC participating patients on the formula change.

If you have any questions, please call Becky Bessette at the State WIC office, 222-4604.